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## National Pollution Funds Center News Release

### "VESSEL CERTIFICATION UNVEILS E-COFR SYSTEM "

**Washington --** The U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) announces the rollout of an electronic Certificate of Financial Responsibility system, or E-COFR. An e-government system, this application adds new functionality to NPFC's existing COFR website.

Customers are still able to search a vessel's COFR status, contact insurance examiners, and obtain information and guidance relating to the COFR program. With the addition of E-COFR, applicants may now enroll at the site, and perform the following actions, on-line:

- Apply as a new COFR applicant
- Apply for a supplemental COFR
- Apply for a renewal COFR
- Request a duplicate (lost) COFR
- Perform a vessel and/or applicant name change
- Pay COFR application fees

Following successful enrollment, applicants may use a credit card (MasterCard, VISA, American Express, or Discover) to securely pay the appropriate COFR fees on-line. With the successful implementation of E-COFR, the NPFC has taken another step towards the full integration of applicable business practices into the functionality of the World Wide Web.

The E-COFR website can be accessed at <http://www.npfc.gov/cofr>.

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